

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

David E. Blanchard, D.O., a 49 year-old physician currently practicing in Victoria, Texas, was charged by the Board with inappropriately prescribing excessive controlled substances to numerous patients. A hearing in this matter is set for September 13, 2000.

James R. Gordon, M.D., a 46 year-old physician from Davenport, Iowa, was charged by the Board with the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to the excessive use of alcohol. A hearing in this matter is set for September 14, 2000.

Kenneth P. Kemkaran, M.D., a 39 year-old physician from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license.

William J. Mehrl, M.D., a 77 year-old physician practicing in Dubuque, Iowa, was charged by the Board with inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to a family member. A hearing in this matter is set for September 13, 2000.

Hai Van Nguyen, M.D., a 44 year-old physician formerly from Oakland, California, was charged with being disciplined by the regulatory authority of another state. Dr. Nguyen was charged by the State of California with unprofessional conduct. A hearing in this matter is set for September 13, 2000.

Eric L. Paulson, M.D., a 46 year-old physician practicing in Carroll, Iowa, entered into a Stipulation Agreement with the Board amending the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Final Order dated August 26, 1999. Dr. Paulson's Iowa medical license is on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions due to the excessive use of alcohol.

Douglas E. Dawson, M.D., a 48 year-old physician from Coralville, Iowa, was directed to submit a written quality improvement plan for Board review. The Board charged Dr. Dawson with being guilty of professional incompetency and unprofessional conduct and Dr. Dawson's medical license was indefinitely suspended on December 16, 1999. After a recent hearing the Board directed that Dr. Dawson submit a quality improvement plan. If the plan is approved, Dr. Dawson's medical license will be placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions.